

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2, and 4-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

***Response to Amendment***

The amendment filed on 01/11/2006 under 37 CFR 1.111 is sufficient to overcome the Stamatov in view of Brown 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) references. Applicant amended claims 1, 15 and 20 and argued that the 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) references cited in the Office Action dated 10/25/2005 do not support utility for the amended novel features of the independent claims. Examiner stated in the office action that Stamatov in view of Brown disclosed a pressure vessel having a trigger integral with the vessel. The trigger having a stem with a hollow portion and a solid portion that when actuated the hollow portion permitted a gas to flow through a passageway. Applicant amended claims 1, 15 and 20 to provide for a vessel that is able to hold and receive a liquid that has an integral handle where the handle has a trigger coupled to the handle where the trigger includes a stem having a solid portion and a hollow portion so the hollow portion adjoins with the passageway of the handle to allow a pressurized gas to enter into the vessel. As a result, Examiner withdraws the rejection of 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as the amended claims overcome the rejection.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony Campbell on 01/24/2006 at 3:20 pm.

**In the Specification:**

Page 3 line 14 of the specification, replace "387,270" with –D387,270–

**In the Claims:**

Claim 19, line 2 replace "and" with –an–.

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or reasonably suggest a vessel or container (12) that holds a liquid where the handle (16) has a trigger (22) that is pivotally attached (24) as well as integral with the vessel (Figure 2) and comprises a hollowed passageway (30) in a stem (26) within the trigger (22) that when actuated permits a gas from a pressurized source to enter the vessel (12) via a fitting (20) through the passageways (18 and 30). The prior art of record also fails to disclose a vessel (12) that has a handle (16) integral with a vessel that possesses a pressure relief valve (50) within the handle (16) capable of relieving high-pressure build up from within the vessel (12).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trevor McGraw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (2nd & 4th Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (571) 272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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